



COUNCIL NEWS

Oyster HQ car park

Council deferred making a decision on Oyster HQ's application to build a carpark on the Esplanade in Coffin Bay at its May meeting. Council staff and Elected Members will inspect the site and will reconsider the request at its June meeting. *For the full report, refer Agenda Item W145 W&I/28/20 in the May agenda & minutes.*

Draft Budget 2020/21 update

Council held a second workshop on May 18 to progress the draft 2020/21 budget. Council will hold a special meeting at 2.30pm next Friday, May 29 to consider amendments arising from the second workshop and endorse the draft for community consultation. The draft budget will be released for public consultation on June 9, with submissions to close on July 3. Members of the public will have the opportunity to make a verbal submission for the consideration of Council at another special meeting on July 6 before the budget is formalised for adoption at Council's ordinary meeting on July 17.

Patrol grading

Roads due to be graded, weather permitting, in the fortnight from May 25 are:

Patrol O: Clarks Lane, Haigh Drive, Woods Road, McFarlane Road; Patrol N: Warrow Road, Glover Road, Lawrence Road, Douglas Well Road; Patrol P: Hyde Road, Fishery Bay Road, Sleaford Bay Road; Patrol Q: Warrow Road, Duck Lake Road
Please note: Newly graded roads during rainfall can become slippery, and while roads are monitored, Council encourages road users to be mindful and drive accordingly.

Coffin Bay car park design

Council has adopted a concept design for the town centre car park (at the rear of the yacht club) in Coffin Bay. *For the full report, refer Agenda Item W145 W&I/30/20 in the May agenda & minutes.*

Runway upgrade finished

Council staff have finished upgrading unsealed runway 15/33 at the Port Lincoln Airport. The runway is mainly used by General Aviation, the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Angel Flight, Country Fire Service for water bombing and Regional Express when the main runway unavailable.

Port Lincoln Airport flight schedule

Due to COVID-19, please be advised of a change in schedules for RPT flights to/from the Port Lincoln Airport.

Long weekend:

- Friday, June 5: arrival 1850 and departing 1910; Tuesday, June 9: arrival 1805 and departing 1825. There will be no flight on the Monday of June long weekend – it will be on Tuesday morning instead (normal 8.10am departure).

Ordinary schedule:

Adelaide to Port Lincoln:

- Monday, Depart Adelaide 7am
- Thursday, Depart Adelaide 7am
- Thursday, Depart Adelaide 3.05pm (changing to 5.15pm departure from June 4)

Port Lincoln to Adelaide:

- Monday, Depart Port Lincoln 8.10am
- Wednesday, Depart Port Lincoln 4.35pm
- Thursday, Depart Port Lincoln 8.10am
- Thursday, Depart Port Lincoln 4.15pm (changing to 6.25pm departure from June 4)
- Friday, Depart Port Lincoln 4.35pm

Closing today - Moveable Signs Policy

Feedback is invited on a new policy drafted by Council which provides guidance to businesses on the placement of moveable signs. The policy also outlines the materials signs should be constructed from and how many are permitted per premises (amongst other items). Comments on the draft policy can be sent to mail@dclep.sa.gov.au prior to 22 May 2020.

Railway crossing signs

Stop signs are being replaced with 'Railway not in use' signs across the district. One Rail Australia got permission from the Minister for Transport to change crossing signs on the railway lines on the Eyre Peninsula network.

Council has given permission for the signs to be changed on Council-owned roads.

Hardship Policy / COVID-19 Assistance

Council have adopted a new Financial hardship policy to assist ratepayers who are experiencing financial difficulty, with the policy including reference to emergency events - refer council website.

In relation to the current health pandemic Council have resolved

to waive fines and interest on payments for March through to August (inclusive) for those customers that can demonstrate a reduction of 30 per cent or more in business income, or who are experiencing a reduction in working hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Anyone experiencing difficulty is encouraged to contact the council office and discuss the options available to them on 8676 0400.

COVID-19 update – As at 13 May 2020

Council playgrounds & skate parks: In line with current advice from the State Government, Council-owned playgrounds and Skateparks have been reopened and regular cleaning of the toilets associated with those reserves (where in place) is being undertaken.

All users of the facilities are expected to adhere to good hygiene and social distancing practices and ensure no more than 10 people are using the facility. Please note that if you arrive at a playground or Skate Park and there are 10 people in the area, you will need to return at a different time.

Council campgrounds: The Farm Beach and Louth Bay Campgrounds have been reopened and signage has been put in place to advise patrons to leave sufficient spacing between camp sites and ensure good hygiene and social distancing is observed.

Council facilities and services

The following Council assets / services currently remain closed or suspended:

Council owned & operated public BBQs;

Hiring of the community bus; Creating Connections (over 50's program); and

The Cummins Institute (including the public toilets).

While Community Halls have been permitted to reopen by the State Government, the Cummins Institute is being utilised by a third party for the provision of health services at this time, therefore reopening can not yet be facilitated.

Council office hours: The current opening hours for each office are outlined below:

Cummins Council Office: Monday to Friday, 9am – 12pm
Port Lincoln Branch office: Monday only - 10am - 1 pm & 2pm – 4pm

Appointments can be made outside of these times via prior arrangement with the relevant

staff members, and Council staff will continue to be available via phone (86760400) or email (mail@dclep.sa.gov.au) between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. A return to ordinary opening hours will be assessed in early June.

Dog registration fees

Council has set dog registration fees for the 2020/21 year. Some fees include: Standard dog (desexed & microchipped): \$30 or \$16 for concession; Working Dog: \$15; Breeder: \$75. *For the full report and all charges, refer Agenda Item D119 DES/07/20 in the May minutes.*

Reminder – Microchip your dog

Just a reminder to please microchip your dog so if it is lost Council staff can identify the dog and its owner. With winter approaching there is an increased chance of dogs going missing during storms so please book in with your local vet.

COMMUNITY

Cummins & District Talent Show

People are encouraged to get on board the Cummins & District Talent Show, hosted by Lower Eyre Family Practice.

Submit a video to the Facebook page for it to be posted and voted on. Go in the draw to win a \$100 voucher to a local business. Enter before May 29!

Our Town

Cummins volunteers are gearing up for 'Our Town' - a mental health initiative that will ultimately see three South Australian towns receive 10 years funding to find sustainable, community-based solutions to mental health challenges. Our Town is an opportunity for Cummins as a community to build our capacity to support each other through the development of good mental health and wellbeing practices. Our Town is unique in that our voices lead what is to be done in our community, for our community.

If you would like to speak to any of the volunteers about your ideas for the future of Mental Health initiatives in Cummins, reach out to anyone on the team: Emma Gale, Sarah Dickinson, Amanda Puckridge, Kris Speed, Rhianna Foster, Rachael Hunt and Michael Traeger. Our Town is funded by the Fay Fuller Foundation and supported by The Australian Centre for Social Innovation, Clear Horizon and the FRRR.